



General Assembly

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LCO No. 1531

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING FOOD ALLERGIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 19a-36a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

3 (a) The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in
4 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to assure that food
5 service establishments employ as food operators persons who have a
6 knowledge of safe food handling techniques and to set requirements
7 for the employment of food operators by such establishments. Such
8 regulations shall include, but not be limited to, responsibilities of food
9 service establishments and their employees, exemptions for certain
10 classes of food establishments and responsibilities of local health
11 departments in monitoring compliance of food establishments.

12 (b) The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in
13 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, requiring all food service
14 establishments to (1) train any employee coming into contact with food
15 about food allergies, (2) have a person available at all times, when the
16 food service establishment is serving food, who is able to answer

17 consumer inquiries about food ingredients, and (3) list on the menu or
18 in a conspicuous location, the ingredients in each food item served by
19 the food service establishment. For purposes of complying with the
20 provisions of this section, it shall not be sufficient to state that all or
21 substantially all of the food products served may contain allergens.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2004

Statement of Purpose:

To require restaurants to provide training to their employees and information to consumers regarding food ingredients that may be allergens.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]